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Harold Weisberg
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RE:Loyd Jowers

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have enclosed a book order and I want to personally thank you for your investigation and exposure of one of the greatest lies that the government has ever tried to have us believe. My view of our governmental agencies will never be the same.

I noticed that you have written a book on the assassination of Martin Luther King and I wonder if you are aware of the allegations that surfaced back in January of this year of a man who did live in the same town where I live. If not I will briefly relate the allegations as I understand them.

Loyd Jowers alleges that he hired the man who actually killed Martin Luther King, obviously not James Earl Ray. In 1968 Jowers owned a grocery store in Memphis across the street from the motel where King was shot. James Earl Ray lived in an apartment above his store. These are the few details that he revealed. It has become a concern of mine because I am personally acquainted with Mr. Jowers and his family.

Soon after the story broke, Jowers closed down a convenience store that he owned and auctioned off his equipment. Just recently I learned that he had moved from the area. Last week I talked with Jowers' nephew and he said that he did not know where his uncle had gone but thought he had moved to escape media pressure. I asked if he thought his uncle was telling the truth and he replied "I wouldn't put it past him". I don't know what to believe but I am worried about Jowers' safety.

My question to you is does this sound like the truth or is it a hoax? Any light you can shed on this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Roger Miles